

## **Ballot Title Setting Board**

### **Proposed Initiative 2009-2010 #51<sup>1</sup>**

The title as designated and fixed by the Board is as follows:

An amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning burdens on the exercise of religious beliefs, and, in connection therewith, prohibiting government from burdening a person's or religious organization's right to act or refusal to act in a manner motivated by a sincerely held religious belief unless the government proves a compelling governmental interest and uses the least restrictive means to further that interest, and providing that "burden" includes indirect burdens such as withholding benefits, assessing penalties, or an exclusion from programs or access to facilities.

The ballot title and submission clause as designated and fixed by the Board is as follows:

Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning burdens on the exercise of religious beliefs, and, in connection therewith, prohibiting government from burdening a person's or religious organization's right to act or refusal to act in a manner motivated by a sincerely held religious belief unless the government proves a compelling governmental interest and uses the least restrictive means to further that interest, and providing that "burden" includes indirect burdens such as withholding benefits, assessing penalties, or an exclusion from programs or access to facilities?

*Hearing April 21, 2010:*

*Single subject approved; staff draft amended; titles set.*

*Hearing adjourned 8:47 a.m.*

*Hearing April 30, 2010:*

*Motion for Rehearing granted in part to the extent Board amended titles; denied in all other respects.*

*Hearing adjourned 3:57 p.m.*

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<sup>1</sup> Unofficially captioned "**Religious Liberty**" by legislative staff for tracking purposes. Such caption is not part of the titles set by the Board.